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Ideas... 4-H and YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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FIRST WORKSHOP FOR STATE 4-H TRAINING TEAMS

The 65 representatives of 18 States, who participated in the first 4-H workshop at Ft. Collins are highly enthusiastic about their experiences. Each of the State training teams evaluated the various methods presented in light of their plans for training State and county coworkers for expanded 4-H.

The second of the two workshops which are sponsored by the 4-H Division of FES and the National 4-H Foundation will be held at the National 4-H Center, January 21-31, 1969.

The Sears-Roebuck Foundation provided registration and maintenance scholarships for three people from each State plus funds for some general expenses.

ZONING APPROVED FOR 4-H CENTER EXPANSION

The National 4-H Center expansion program has reached another milestone. Approval of a zoning amendment allows the \$5.5 million expansion to proceed. Many States are already beginning to organize their supporting expansion campaigns. The number of business and the industrial commitments to 4-H Center expansion is increasing.

ENROLLMENT FACTS

Latest enrollment figures for 4-H membership show 37 percent farm, 34 percent rural non-farm, 21 percent from towns and cities, and 8 percent from metropolitan areas of over 50,000.

The three highest areas for project enrollment are: Animal science 776,281, increase of 42,823; clothing 690,482, increase of 6,088; food-nutrition 676,162, increase of 14,289. Plant science, total grouping, was fourth high with 493,075, a decrease of 4,508 over the previous year.

FHA SUPERVISORS HELP

Last year, the home supervisors of Farmers Home Administration referred 1,591 young people to 4-H programs and 1,240 of them joined 4-H, according to reports in 21 States and Puerto Rico.

COOPERATING WITH LAND GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

FARM CITY WEEK - November 22-28

The 4-H program with its unique balance of farm, non-farm and urban membership has built-in opportunities to promote understanding of rural-urban life. Here are a few examples of the kind of programs that might be initiated or reported during Farm City Week.

- ...The Eastmont Community 4-H Club near East Wenatchee, Wash. conducts an annual farm zoo. The 73 members of this club give about 3,000 city children a chance to get acquainted with their animal projects through the club's unique community service activity.
- ...Urban 4-H members in Buffalo, N.Y. take "walkie talkie" tours to points of interest, including farms and rural businesses.
- ...Over 25,000 4-H boys and girls enroll for the town and country business program. Counties with participation in this project have a "natural" for Farm City Week reports.

LEADERSHIP FORUMS AT THE NATIONAL 4-H CENTER

During the 13-week summer period, nearly 5,000 4-H members of 37 States have had the opportunity of attending a Citizenship Short Course at the National 4-H Center.

Adult 4-H Leader Forums are the next opportunity with four scheduled for October-November and four during March of 1969. Two in each series will be programmed to "Leadership Principles and Practices" and two to "The Leader's Role in Developing Citizenship."

CITIZENSHIP SHORT COURSE FOR STUDENTS

A Citizenship Short Course for high school students will be offered at the National 4-H Center, February 2-8, 1969. The National Council of the Social Studies and the American Association of School Administrators - two divisions of the National Education Association - are cooperating with the National 4-H Club Foundation and the Cooperative Extension Service in this program. It is open to 11th and 12th grade social science students and is not limited to 4-H members. This is an opportunity to reach new audiences as you bring this to the attention of school personnel and help them make the best use of this opportunity.

OPERATION YOUTH SAFETY

Have you heard about the "tailor made" program the National Safety Council has instituted to help youth leaders and youth groups stay on top of the information picture in accident prevention? It is a membership plan which costs \$14 for 12 months and includes ten helpful items.

SLIDE AND TAPE ON INDIA

The twelve IFYE's to India this past year have completed a slide set complete with a written script and tape for use in county programs.

/SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS IN STATE PROGRAMS/

4-H WORK WITH URBAN, LOW INCOME, MIGRANTS

CONNECTICUT - Program for Inner-city Youth

A reconverted warehouse will become the Extension headquarters for serving inner-city Hartford youth. The University is recruiting a 4-H youth agent, home economists, and program aides. The plan will be to develop program content through advisory committees. Noreen Ray will be coordinator for the State office.

IDAHO - 4-H at Farm Labor Camp

Foods has been a successful project experience for members of a 4-H Club at the Caldwell Labor Camp, Canyon County. Emphasis was put on nutrition.

MICHIGAN - 4-H Week Considers "Operation Get Acquainted"

About 850 teenage 4-H members at the 50th annual conference were highly interested in learning about the "Operation Get-Acquainted Program". Dr. Leroy Augenstein, professor and chairman of the Department of Biophysics, told about the project which places Negro children in middle-class white homes for a week during the summer. Delegates talked about follow-through in counties where it is not yet initiated.

MISSOURI - Metropolitan Youth Forum

Extension agents at St. Louis and 4-H members participated with other youth in a Metropolitan Youth Forum. The program aimed to help youth understand themselves and others and to gain greater awareness of the elements of successful life in a 20th Century American metropolis. Youth from 11 organizations in Kansas City and St. Louis participated.

NEW JERSEY - Accomplishments of Work-Study Student

An article in The Evening News (Newark) describes the work done by a Rutgers student assigned to 4-H under the Work-Study program. The young man has organized seven 4-H Clubs in the area of Perth Amboy. During the summer program, 4-H has utilized the help of 18 such students.

NEW MEXICO - 4-H for Migrant Children

Two junior leaders who live on a large pecan farm have worked with the Mexican national workers' children to get them involved in 4-H. After seven years of effort there are now 38 active 4-H members. The mother of one of the junior leaders serves as main adult leader. Getting parent's permission, gaining the member's trust, and language problems have all been challenges. Meeting attendance fluctuates in relation to the harvest season.

OKLAHOMA - Work Study Aides Help with 4-H Expansion

Fifteen work-study students have served as program aides in six counties working on a special 4-H Expansion program involving 1300 boys and girls living in disadvantaged areas. In some counties OEO and State Welfare Department have cooperated. Popular projects have been foods, particularly outdoor cookery for boys, clothing and crafts. An eleven minute sound movie was made of this program in Tulsa County.

OREGON - Camp for Urban Disadvantaged Youth

A two-day camp in Yamhill County involved 137 boys and girls out of the Albina and Sunnyside-Richmond areas of Portland. Many of the volunteers serving at the camp were 4-H leaders. State Extension staff and the State Game Department gave educational assistance.

WASHINGTON - Handicapped Youth in 4-H

An outstanding 4-H program for handicapped youth is conducted in Mason County. Knitting is one of the popular projects with both girls and boys.

TRAINING FOR ADULT AND JUNIOR LEADERS

MINNESOTA - Health Training

A series of one-day agent and county project chairman training meetings in October will point out opportunities for 4-H health work and introduce the new health publications. Three publications are developed to cover different age spans.

MISSOURI - Series of Junior Leader Conferences

Five junior leader conferences in a two week's period gave training to 600 older 4-H members. Program emphasized leadership topics to help junior leaders in working with younger 4-H members. Sears-Roebuck Foundation and Missouri banks contributed through the Missouri 4-H Foundation.

NEW YORK - Recreation Leadership Laboratory Linked to State 4-H Congress

Twenty-five selected teenagers were provided with leadership training at the Leadership Recreation Laboratory and given an opportunity to practice their newly acquired skills as Congress Teen Leaders (CTL's). The theme of the Congress was "Citizens Today". The CTL's introduced the speakers, led 1,000 teenagers in songs, acted as party hosts and hostesses, served as ushers, stagehands, and workshop leaders, and served as a nucleus for the 4-H choir. The learning experiences gained by these 25 CTL's has already been reflected by their increased participation in county events. The approximately 1,000 teenagers who participated also benefitted by seeing their peers assume leadership roles with such apparent ease.

OKLAHOMA - Adult Leaders' Training

The first Statewide Adult 4-H Leadership Conference was held August 1-3 at Oklahoma State University. Elaine Skucius of Nebraska, Dr. Glenn Bussett of Kansas, and Dr. Ragan Brown of Texas assisted the OSU faculty. Election of the State 4-H Leaders Executive Committee was the final feature.

MEMBER EVENTS WITH REAL IMPACT

KENTUCKY - Bicycle Safety

Approximately 5,900 boys and girls in grades 4 through 6 developed safe attitudes through 4-H bicycle safety activities and classes on rules and regulations by law enforcement officers. A check, following the project, revealed that bicycle accidents in the Pennyryle area have decreased by 50 percent.

MISSOURI - "Decisions" at State 4-H Week

Four workshops dealing with decisions faced by youth were taught by Extension youth specialists and personnel from the Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center. The topics dealt with search for self-identity, threats to health (alcohol and tobacco), and drugs: fantasy or reality. In the self-identity workshop, Dr. George Rowe conducted a survey on self-concepts 4-H members have.

HAWAII - 4-H Ahaolelo

Representation from California, Canada and Guam made it an interstate as well as an international affair. The theme of "Hey! It's Me" centered around the individual 4-H member, his potential and his relationships.

ILLINOIS - Room Improvement Tour

One of the best and longest established home improvement tours is held annually in Illinois. A carefully-selected group of about 40 girls has the opportunity of participating. Resources at Furniture Mart, Merchandise Mart, Art Institute, and private stores and galleries are utilized.

VIRGINIA - Banking Know-How

Lee, Scott and Washington Counties utilized an available resource to provide a timely experience for Junior 4-H campers. The Gate City National Bank furnished materials and an instructor to teach a money and banking class. Members deposited their money, wrote checks, balanced their accounts, discussed loans and credit and learned many facts about banking. A film on banking is also made available for 4-H use.

WASHINGTON - Know-Your-Government Conference

4-H political probers from 39 counties learned the ropes of their State government, acted out the legislative process, conducted a legislative committee meeting, and looked at party politics from the inside out. The delegates also spent some time planning similar sessions related to county government for the 4-H'ers back home.

WEST VIRGINIA - Creative Arts Workshop

This workshop, first of its type in the State, is viewed as a forerunner in a more comprehensive creative arts program in 4-H. Four professors of the West Virginia University Creative Arts Center were in charge of the instruction in drama, art, experimental drawing, and music.

AIDS TO STATE PROGRAMS

KANSAS - "Kansas 4-H in Review"

The September issue of the 4-H Journal presents the activities of the nearly 100,000 members, through a cooperative effort of the Kansas 4-H Foundation, the University Collegiate 4-H Club and State 4-H staff. Counties contribute pictures and copy for the yearbook and Collegiate 4-H members combine the material with information from the State 4-H Department to produce the feature articles.

NEW JERSEY - New 4-H Film

A new 15-minute film "You Never Walk Alone" tells the story of the 4-H program and how it is being conducted in urban and suburban areas in New Jersey. Shooting of the film took place in nine counties. Activities in small motors, automotive, electricity, photography, food and nutrition, public speaking and plant propagation projects are featured. Premiere showing was at the State 4-H Presentation Day. Standard Brand cooperated with Rutgers College in making the film possible.

PENNSYLVANIA - Monthly News Packet

A valued service to the counties is a monthly news packet of 4-H feature articles--started last February. Purpose is to help counties strengthen and broaden the 4-H image. Stories--which can be adapted and localized in each county--are aimed mainly at adults for general 4-H promotion and individual project emphasis.

WYOMING - 4-H Alumni

A concerted effort is being made to recognize and utilize more of the States 4-H alumni. State staff members are using their leaflet "4-H Alumni Can Strengthen Club Work in Your County."

EIGHT 4-H MEMBERS TO CANADA

Georgia, Hawaii, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oregon and Vermont will have representatives in the group attending the Canadian National 4-H Conference at Ottawa and Toronto. Jesse James of New Hampshire will accompany the group.

LITERATURE COORDINATOR FOR NORTHEAST REGION

Directors in the Northeast region have adopted a plan to hire a 4-H literature coordinator. This person will work with the States to plan for literature needs that can be handled on an inter-State basis to increase quality and cut costs. The directors recently accepted the report of a committee appointed to study the possibility. Present planning is to have this person based in New Jersey. Director Gerwig will be chairman of an advisory committee, of which Fern Kelley will serve as FES consultant.

LEAFLETS: "Toward Understanding Girls", "Toward Understanding Boys"

Rollyn Winters helped us verify the current address where you can order the above leaflets, which have been widely used in 4-H leader training: Dr. Clarence G. Moser, P.O. Box 508, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Single copies are 25¢, 12 or more 20¢, 50 or more 15¢, and 100 or more 12¢. The price applies to the same or assorted titles in each instance.

/NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS/

Jean Schaeffer has resigned from our Division staff to become a full-time homemaker at her new home near Falls Church. Jean did an excellent job in her brief period with us.

Director Lowell H. Watts of Colorado has been appointed assistant administrator of FES for administration, effective October 1. Director Watts, who is a former 4-H member, has been secretary and chairman of ECOP. His appointment fills the vacancy created by Luke Schruben's retirement.

Thomas Martindale is named as Assistant Director for Youth in North Dakota. Craig Montgomery, although officially retired, is on duty until fall to help effect the transition. Mr. Martindale was District Extension Supervisor, and has been agent in three different counties.

Dr. William L. "Bill" Coffindaffer is the new Extension Director in West Virginia. Bill has been a member of the 4-H staff.

Missouri has two new staff members, both with the title of Extension Youth Specialist: G. R. Westwood will be giving special help to 4-H work with the disadvantaged. His most recent position was Executive Director of a 9-county OEO Community Action Program. Dr. James M. Thompson, who has training and experience in guidance and counseling, will give program leadership to career exploration and development. Clemie Dunn is resigning to pursue a graduate program in human relations at the University of Missouri.

Rhoda Peck joins the New Hampshire 4-H staff. Rhoda, a former 4-H Fellow from New York, has also had experience in Washington and most recently in Michigan.

Mel Thompson, formerly on the Michigan 4-H staff, has transferred to the National 4-H Club Foundation to be associate director of international programs.

Dr. Frank Campbell of Wisconsin now has the title of Chairman, Department of Youth Development and State 4-H Leader. Cecil Staver of Colorado has the new title of 4-H Club and Youth Programs Coordinator.

Ashford O. Williams, Louisiana, is advanced to the position of Associate State 4-H Club Agent.

"Duke" Regnier is on special assignment for FES while on sabbatical leave from Illinois. A major assignment is completing a study of 4-H camping to be used in revising the bulletin "Steps to 4-H Camping."

Marcele Barelman of Nebraska has resigned to be married. Her replacement is Marie Stahley. Dick Tomkinson of Kansas has also resigned. He plans to enter private business.

Otis Grimes, formerly of the Georgia 4-H staff, has become a district chairman.

At 4-H Congress, you will meet W. L. Smith, newly-named general manager of the Conrad-Hilton. Porter P. Parris is moving from Chicago to be in charge of the Hilton Hotels Corporation in Washington, D.C. and manager of the Statler Hilton.

Cooperative Extension presented a 4-H Crested Clover citation to United States Steel Corporation last month. Frank J. Reynolds, a long time cooperator, who is retiring is being replaced in their agricultural relations and marketing work by Charles Bourg.

Committees of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents are making plans for a challenging conference November 10-13, at the Kellogg Center of Michigan State University. "From Commitment to Action" will be the theme.

4-H FELLOWS BEGIN PROGRAM

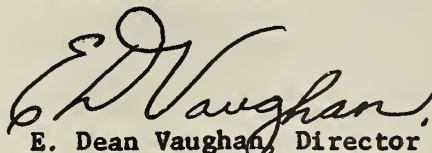
The 1968-69 National 4-H Fellows have arrived in Washington to begin their program. They are: Linda Crow, North Dakota; Dallas Smith, North Carolina; Glenice Rugland, Minnesota; David Pace, Iowa; Helene Horimoto, Hawaii; and Carlton Doane, New York.

IN CLOSING/

Bill Pease shared with us a quotation in a letter from one of the New York agents telling about a Negro youth who was one of the first participants in the 4-H program in Buffalo. He became interested in Foods and Nutrition work and was in the first Junior Chefs groups. Later he became a leader with younger boys and girls, while taking advanced project work himself:

"Yesterday, a sharp looking sailor by the name of Walter Mason walked into the office. He apparently had as good experience as one can have in "boot" training. He reports that his 4-H foods experiences helped him to get his opportunity for seven weeks of cooking school as his next assignment. Also that his leadership experiences were largely responsible for his selection as Educational Petty Officer of his company.....How gratifying it is to see such concrete evidence as to the difference 4-H has made in even one young man's life!"

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